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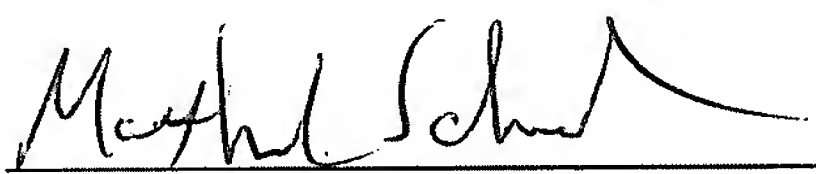
Sir:

Please advise, in writing, as to the current status of the above-captioned application.

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